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## PREPARING FOR GENOA.

### French Cabinet's Attitude.

(Reuter's Service.)

Paris, March 30.

The Cabinet lengthily discussed the Genoa Conference. According to the *Matin* it completely agreed on the attitude to be adopted, namely, co-operation in European reconstruction but opposing the surprise introduction of political questions such as recognition of the Soviet or purely inter-Allied questions like reparations. M. Dubois, Chairman of the Reparations Commission, in a speech, declared that Germany can and must pay the reparations and, if necessary, the Allies must resort to force.

### Accommodating the Delegates.

London, March 30.

The British delegation to Genoa, who are to start on April 7, will not be accompanied by special police, relying on the Italian Government's assurance of ample protection.

The Bolshevik delegates are dissatisfied with the allocation of Rapallo as their place of residence, apparently fearing that the daily twenty-mile journey to Genoa will be running the gauntlet. The Italian authorities' measures for their protection include the guarding of the hotel with a strong force of carabiniers and military police.

The Japanese have complained that their quarters at Nervi are too far away, and have now been assigned lodgings in Genoa.

Elaborate preparations are being made for the accommodation of the delegates. These include placing a palace at the disposal of journalists.

The strike of dockers, which threatened to disturb the amenity of the Conference, was settled to-day.

### British Liberals Dissatisfied.

London, March 30.

The Independent Liberals have given notice of an amendment to the vote of confidence in the House of Commons, mentioned yesterday, approving the holding of the Genoa Conference and regretting the limitation of the subjects to be discussed there, but declining to express confidence in the Government in regard thereto.

## WASHINGTON PACT RESPECTING CHINA.

### U.S. Senate Ratifies Without Amendment.

Washington, March 30.

The Senate has ratified the treaty dealing with China without amendment or reservation.

Later.

The debate on the Chinese treaty revolved upon the question of the extent of the pledge "to provide the fullest and most unembarrassed opportunity for China to develop and maintain for herself an effective and stable Government". Senator Underwood, replying heckling questions, insisted that the treaty did not contain an obligation to use force.

### Tariff Treaty also Ratified

Later.

After the Chinese treaty the Senate ratified the Chinese Tariff Treaty, thus sanctioning the whole of the Washington decisions.

## THE PRINCE AT SINGAPORE.

### Opening of the Malay States Exhibition.

London, March 31.

The Prince of Wales arrived at Singapore at daylight, landing from the *Renown* after breakfast.

Great and enthusiastic crowds gathered around the reception pavilion, where an address of welcome on behalf of the Straits Settlements was read.

His Royal Highness unveiled the war memorial, and after lunch is opening the Malay States exhibition—From Reuter's special correspondent with the Prince's party.

### DR. WELLINGTON KOO'S RETURN.

#### Personal Report of Washington Results.

London, March 30.

Dr. Wellington Koo, interviewed by Reuter, prior to his departure for the Far East by the Peninsular and Oriental steamer *Kyber*, said that the question of a visit to China arose before he left Washington, when the Government requested all delegates personally to report.

Dr. Koo hoped to return to London in six months. He said that the Shantung settlement had largely cleared up Sino-Japanese relations.

### SIAMESE TWINS.

#### Death Almost Simultaneous.

Chicago, March 30.

The so-called "Siamese twins", Josefa and Rosa Blazek, died of jaundice at a few seconds' interval.

Rosa refused an operation for separation of the bodies as a desperate attempt to save her life.

## U. K. AND THE STRAITS SETTLEMENTS.

### Reciprocal Judicial Procedure.

London, March 30.

An Order-in-Council has been issued extending to the Straits Settlements the Administration of Justice Act 1920, enabling judgments obtained in the Straits to be enforced in the United Kingdom, and vice versa.

### SWEDISH BANKS.

#### Parliament Votes Guarantee Fund.

Stockholm, March 30.

Parliament has voted a credit of fifty million kronor as a guarantee fund to support Swedish banks.

### EX-EMPEROR KARL III.

Funchal, March 30.

The ex-Emperor Karl is suffering from pneumonia, complicated by cerebral trouble. His condition is serious.

A later message says ex-Emperor Karl is improving.

### AN AMERICAN FAILURE.

New York, March 30.

The bankruptcy schedules show that the liabilities of Childs, Joseph and Co. are estimated at \$18,549,000 and the assets at

## IRISH "PEACE".

### An Agreement Reached.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, March 30.  
The Irish Conference in London has reached a satisfactory agreement.

### Terms of the Articles of Agreement.

"Peace is to-day declared" is the stirring message proclaimed in the first Article of the terms of the Irish agreement reached at the London conference, as announced by Mr. Churchill in the House of Commons to-night. The agreement proceeds to lay down that as from to-day the Northern and the Southern Ireland Governments undertake to co-operate to their utmost with a view to the restoration of peace in the unsettled areas.

A scheme is described by which the Belfast police will be organised with specific regard to the religious composition of the force.

Art. IV provides for trial without a jury for offences punishable with above six-months' imprisonment.

An Outreach Complaints Committee in Belfast will be established, and I.R.A. activities are to cease in Ulster.

It is agreed that before Ulster exercises its option to contract out under the Government of Ireland Bill, Northern and Southern representatives shall confer upon means for securing the unity of Ireland. Alternatively, they will endeavour to settle the boundary question without recourse to a boundary commission.

The British Government will ask Parliament to vote £500,000 for relief works in Northern Ireland, of which one-third is to be for Catholics and two-thirds for Protestants.

## EAST LEICESTER BY-ELECTION.

### A Labour Victory.

London, March 29.  
The bye-election at East Leicester, occasioned by Sir Gordon Hewart's appointment as Lord Chief Justice, resulted as follows:

Mr. G. H. Banton (Labour) ...	14,62
Mr. Marlow (Coalition Liberal) ...	8,710
Mr. Allen (Independent Liberal) ...	3,825

[At the last election, the figures were:—Sir Gordon Hewart (Coalition Liberal), 18,024; Mr. Banton (Labour), 6,697.]

## DEVELOPMENT OF CROWN COLONIES.

### British Producers Appoint Committee.

London, March 31.  
The British Empire Producers' Organization is appointing a committee representing Crown Colony and Dependency producers to promote development of natural resources and to foster Imperial Preference.

## REPARATIONS DEMAND.

### The Reichstag's View.

Berlin, March 30.  
The Reichstag has passed a resolution by 248 votes to 81 approving of the Chancellor's pronouncement that the demands of the Reparations Commission are intolerable.

## PORTUGUESE SEAPLANE'S FLIGHT.

Lisbon, March 30.  
A Portuguese seaplane has departed on a flight to Rio de Janeiro, stopping off the Canaries, St. Vincent, and Fernando Noronha.

### Arrival at Las Palmas.

Las Palmas, March 31.  
The seaplane has reached here.

(Other Early and Special Telegrams on Page 2.)

## PRINCE IN SINGAPORE.

### A Warm Welcome.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Singapore, March 31.

The Prince of Wales dined with the Reception Committee at Kuala Lumpur. Malay Royalty gathered at the station to bid him farewell where there were drawn up one Guard of Honour of Malay Volunteers and another of ex-Service men and railway police. On the Prince's arrival at Port Swettenham the Sultan, Residents and others greeted His Royal Highness and the crowd cheered lustily as the Royal Barge proceeded to the *Renown*, which arrived at Singapore early this morning. Huge crowds lined the decorated and arched routes from an early hour. The Prince landed at Johnston's Pier in brilliant sunshine and proceeded to the Reception Pavilion near the Raffles Statue. The Prince then proceeded to the War Memorial which he unveiled after a short service conducted by the Bishop. The Guard of Honour consisted of Ex-Service men.

### The Prince's Reply.

The Prince, replying to the address, acknowledged the warm welcome and said he was gratified at the presence of the Rulers of the Unfederated Malay States, the Rajah of Sarawak and the Governor of North Borneo. It had long been his desire to see these Eastern lands, whose history read like romance. The growth of Singapore in a century from the jungle-clad island which Sir Stamford Raffles found to a great world port was one of the great achievements of the last hundred years. He paid a tribute to the contribution by the Chinese to the Colony's prosperity, referred to the diversity of races and said he felt greeted by a world in miniature. He congratulated the Colony on the striking success of the patient co-operation of many races and creeds.

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## KIAOCHOW-TSINGTAO MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS.

At a meeting of the Chinese Ministry it was decided to draft regulations to govern municipal affairs in Kiaochow, after its reversion. Messrs. Tang, Tse-chang, Chi Ching and Sun Lo-ping, members of the Special Committee to investigate affairs in Kiaochow, have left Tianjin

## HONGKONG SHIPPING.

### Stevedores' Demands.

### IMPROVED TALLY SERVICE WANTED.

In addition to the recently presented demand of the tally clerks and lightermen for increased rates of pay, the shipowners in the Colony have now received a further demand for increased wages, this time from the stevedores. There was circulated to shipping firms yesterday from the Tung Yick Stevedores' Contractors Association a letter, dated March 28th, in which it was stated that at a meeting of the Association the present high cost of living was thoroughly discussed and, after most careful consideration, the decision was arrived at to make a demand for higher wages. There was no alternative, the letter stated, but to apply for the following increases:

(1) For loading and discharging, an increase of 50 per cent.

(2) An increase of 50 per cent for general labourers, winchmen, for night work and for shifting cargo.

(3) An increase in respect of trans-shipment of cargo and landing of cargo. This increase cannot be definitely fixed as it depends on the coolie hire and lighterage, which are abnormally high and fluctuate greatly. When these are eventually fixed this Association will ask you for a corresponding increase. In the meantime, we do not ask you to make an increase in accordance with any increase in coolie hire and lighterage.

An increase is also asked for in respect of tally clerks, in accordance with the terms of any settlement on the tallymen's own demands.

We learn in connection with the above, that for loading and unloading cargo in Hongkong stevedores are paid on a flat rate of between 12 cents and 15 cents per ton for ordinary measurement cargo; for ironware the rate runs about 24 or 25 cents per ton; whilst there are special commodity rates for certain goods. The above flat rates cover only the putting of the cargo in the slings and the landing of it over the side, in addition to which shippers are billed separately for tally clerks, winchmen and extra coolies. The tally clerks are making a separate demand for an increase, as are also the lightermen. The stevedores' demand is quite a separate matter.

In conversation with the head of one of the local shipping firms, a representative of the *Hongkong Telegraph* was told that the demand by the tallymen should really present an opportunity to both shipping men and the tallymen to put matters between them on a permanently better basis.

There is no doubt said the shipping man concerned, that tallymen in Hongkong are poor as compared to other ports. There are always discrepancies in the tallies made by these men, the tallies very seldom agreeing exactly with what is supposed to be in the shipment. The leakage in Hongkong is comparatively high.

If the men get more money they ought to render better service. In fact what is needed in Hongkong is a proper Tallymen's Association from which shippers could get guaranteed tallies.

It is something of an anomaly

that whereas shippers employed

offices for the collection of

accounts are generally under a

guarantee the present tallymen,

who have to check valuable

carcasses, are under no sort of bond whatever and get paid the

low rate of \$2 a day with

\$3 a day for head tallymen.

The whole system needs to be

put on a different basis: the men

need to be better paid, the shippers

need more reliable service and

the men ought to be employed

through some central association

which would guarantee them.

Of course, it would be impossible to get tallies in absolute agreement.

It is a great difficulty

in removing the sodden cargo and

when this has been done, it will

be possible to ascertain the extent

of the damage.

The exact amount of the

damage is not at present known.

The cargo, which was put aboard

at Calcutta and consigned to

Kobe, has been damaged by the

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**GUARDIAN RECEIVING RELIEF.**  
It was reported at a meeting of the Edmonton Board of Guardians that a Tottenham Labour guardian had ceased to be a member as he was receiving outside relief.

## EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

**THE CHINESE CONSORTIUM.**

New York, March 30.  
The newspapers state that Sir Charles Addis' visit here has decidedly brightened the prospect for the continuance of the Chinese Consortium by putting new heart into the American group, which had been considering withdrawal.

Sir Charles Addis told the American group yesterday that the Washington Conference could be regarded as definitely setting the seal of approval on the Consortium's policy. The power of the Tuchuns was waning with the growing spirit of the provinces to resist military exactions. Sir Charles looked to this spirit to solve the problem of reconstruction. Foreign intervention was an unpractical policy; China must be allowed to work out her own salvation.

Sir Charles Addis was of the opinion that in the interest of a united China uncompleted contracts for railways should be fulfilled as soon as possible. No step was more likely to bring the Northern and Southern Governments together than linking up the Canton-Hankow and Peking-Hankow railways. The time had now come for the Consortium to consider negotiating independently with autonomous provinces for the construction of specific railway undertakings within their borders.

**SUBMARINES AND POISON GAS.**

Washington, March 30.  
Senator Borah, supporting the Treaty, urged his hearers not to be satisfied with what had already been accomplished. He pointed out that the Conference was wholly unable to deal with the submarine or any other instrument of modern warfare except airplane carriers. As far as the Orient was concerned Japan had been left all the navy she needs to dominate the situation. He declared that the budgetary savings under the Treaty were so far insignificant.

The Senate unanimously ratified the Treaty regulating the use of submarines and poison gas.

**IRISH AFFAIRS.**

London, March 30.  
A large party of armed men evicted the staff of *Freeman's Journal* at Dublin, smashed up the machinery, scattered petrol and set fire to the building.

The prompt action of the Fire Brigade suppressed the flames and saved the *Freeman's Journal* building. Pillagers looked over the large new printing machine and raiders pick-axed Mr. Griffith's and Mr. Collins' portraits.

**CANADIAN MERCHANT MARINE.**

Ottawa, March 30.  
Last year's operations of the sixty-five vessels of the Canadian Government merchant marine resulted in a net loss of over two million dollars.

**CHINESE BRIGANDS.**

Delhi, March 30.  
A British punitive force from Bhambh-chased the Chinese brigands, who had previously attacked and partially burned the town of Muse in the Northern Shan States. The British force captured the brigands' fort at the point of the bayonet, killing eighty including a well-known leader. One British officer was severely wounded and one Indian killed and four wounded.

**THE COALITION GOVERNMENT.**

London, March 30.  
The Labourites have given notice of an amendment on 3d April, regretting the House of Commons vote of confidence on 3d April, regretting the restricted scope of the Genoa Conference and opining that the Government does not possess the confidence of, and is incompetent to represent the country.

**LENIN'S ILLNESS.**

Reval, March 30.  
Circumstantial reports of Lenin's illness continue to be issued from Moscow. The latest says that specialists diagnose it as acute progressive paralysis. From a political standpoint Lenin may be regarded as dead.

**MEXICO MINES.**

Washington, March 30.  
The State Department announces the success of its efforts to have the owners of mining properties in Mexico relieved of payment of penalties arising from failure to pay taxes on their properties during the recent disturbed conditions.

**IMPORT AND EXCISE DUTIES.**

London, March 30.  
A deputation of Lancashire Members of Parliament waited on Col. Hon. S. Peel and Lord Winterbottom of the India Office and suggested that import and excise duties should be each fixed at six per cent.

**INGERSOLLS' CREDITORS.**

New York, March 30.  
Notwithstanding a protest by a minority of the creditors the Referees confirmed the sale of assets of Robert Ingolds to the Waterbury Clock Company for a million and a half dollars. It is estimated the creditors will receive forty per cent.

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TELEGRAMS.**The Hongkong Society.**

The annual meeting of the

Hongkong and New Territories Evangelisation Society was held on Wednesday in the Lecture Hall of the Union Church. The Rev. J. Kirk Macpherson presided, supported by Revs. Dr. Pearce, H. R. Wells and Chang Shuk Ling, Messrs. E. R. Dovey, Hon. Secretary, and Mr. J. L. Macpherson, Hon. Treasurer, and other friends of the work. A large number of Chinese were present, representing the To Tsai Church which is associated with the Union Church in the constitution of the Society.

The Chairman, in moving the adoption of the report and balance sheet, remarked that in view of the accentuation of national and racial differences which had lately been experienced it was gratifying that they were able to meet on cordial terms of unbroken amity. The common faith they should as Christians together with the common enterprise in advancing the Kingdom of God formed a bond of union deeper than all the divergences which, in some directions, were being brought into needless prominence.

The Report summarised the year's work at the ten stations at present maintained by the Society. It showed many encouraging features, and mentioned that one hundred and twenty baptisms had taken place, a larger number than in any previous year. The accounts also were in a favourable condition, shewing an income and expenditure of \$3,407.

Mr. E. R. Dovey in seconding indicated that expenditure for the coming year would necessarily be increased, and trusted that supporters would see that it was duly provided for.

An interesting address was given by Mr. Sze To Wai, of the Canton Christian College School lately established in Broadwood Road. He described himself as a village boy and emphasised the interest and importance of village work, which was often more fruitful than that in the large centres with their numerous excitements and distractions. The next ten years, he said, would be critical, and the future would largely depend upon Christian teaching being got into the minds of the people before Bolshevik and similar propaganda gained ground.

There was a Chinese saying that the first thought is always the ruling one, and he urged the Society not to be satisfied with stationary position, but to extend its operations largely and rapidly.

Mr. Lai Shui Kwei, who has lately been appointed superintending evangelist under the Rev. H. R. Wells, and who has had considerable experience of work among his fellow-nationals in

## FUNERAL OF MRS. SNYDER.

Shanghai, March 30.

A sorrowing little group of Americans to-day made its way to the Chapel at Bubbling Well Cemetery where the last rites were held on Mrs. W. J. Snyder, the victim of two Korean fanatics who, on Tuesday, attempted to assassinate Baron General Tanaka. The casket was banked with scores of floral wreaths, a tribute from members of the American and Japanese community here. A pitiful touch was lent by the presence of five Japanese women in full mourning costume of black Kimones who accompanied Consul General Funatsu and Major Kobayashi representing Baron General Tanaka. Consul General Cunningham and Consul Perkins represented the American officials. The grief-stricken husband broke down completely, while the simple services were in progress. The body was cremated and the husband will take the urn to America.

The slayers were arraigned before the Japanese Consular Court. The police gave preliminary evidence and the further hearing will take place to-morrow.

**THE PRINCE IN MALAYA.**

Singapore, March 30.

Over 800 Europeans were present at the dance at the Selangor Club on Tuesday. The Prince danced several times. Previously he visited the Lake Club, bathed and stood drinks round. There was a large assembly at yesterday's polo match. The Prince played dashing and scored twice. The State banquet at Selangor Club preceded the State Ball at the Town Hall. His Highness dined twice. Over 400 ex-servicemen and women attended the reception at Government House and were individually presented.

Samoa, was then introduced to the meeting. He said that his visits to the stations had impressed on him the need for extended work among the women, and he advocated the employment of more women workers. Families would then be reached in a degree at present impracticable, and be believed great changes would soon follow.

The same point was stressed by Mrs. Ku, the wife of the preacher at Castle Peak in a touching address.

The European portion of the committee was elected as follows: Mrs. Hickling, Messrs. E. R. Dovey, J. L. Macpherson, P. D. Wilson and H. L. Moeller, with the minister of the Church ex officio.

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## CORRESPONDENCE

(To the Editor of the "Hongkong Telegraph")

## The Recent Strikes.

Sir,—I understand that prior to the so-called strike of seamen few of these in British ships belonged to the Union which was formed only last year, that the local British Companies had not long before voluntarily increased their men's pay by from 18% to 25% over the previous rates, and that the crews in these Companies were well satisfied, had little or no knowledge of the Union's action, nor any wish to leave their vessels. They were forced to leave by threats of being killed and that their wives' ears would be cut off, etc., as were later on all other Chinese workers in foreign employ, the bulk of whom neither wished to leave nor knew why they should do so.

Many of them knew little or nothing of the seamen or their "strike." In short, Hongkong had been held up by a gang of intimidators with whom our police were powerless to deal, the Chinese police being apparently unable or unwilling to inform upon or arrest these house to house intimidators. Also, it was quite open to these gentrified to have incited to violence, arson, or looting the demonstrators outside the Seamen's Club or elsewhere, and with whom the few Indian police present could not possibly have dealt.

Last year, the British engineering firms, alone, of Hongkong, paid to their native workers in salaries, wages, and bonuses, some eight million dollars, one such firm giving a further large sum to a Chair of Engineering in our University, the bulk of the total sum so given by this firm going to train native students. Yet every native workman, draughtsman, clerk, and other worker in foreign employ down tools and walked out, the engine men in one large factory actually leaving the main driving engines running with no one to attend the engines of the factory.

It should be clearly understood that the eight millions paid in wages were drawn from work attracted here by our favourable economic conditions, and that when these conditions by increased wages, slower out-turn of work, or other causes, became less favourable than elsewhere, Hongkong must lose the work which then will go elsewhere or not be done at all. There are then less millions or no millions at all available for wages. There are also less millions or none at all available for extensions of works to employ additional men and less money available for foreigner's salaries, wages, and bonuses, for government rates and taxes, licenses, and other Government and general charges. That is the position. Wealth comes from production and not from paper money whose value depends entirely upon its purchasing power, the value of the money being obviously less as costs are increased by men spending their time in processions, or in Canton on half-pay instead of being at work.

Our churches and charitable societies collect largely for native hospitals, orphanages and schools, etc., while beggars are permanently maintained in our streets. Yet practically every native servant in foreign employ left without notice, leaving even the sick and dying, except where prevented by force. If any "exploit" native workers, it is native employers themselves who work their men longer hours for less pay than foreign firms, but the real exploiters of the workers are those responsible for the recent intimidation, lower efficiency, lower production and undue raising of costs. These are the enemies of the workers and of our entire community, both native and foreign.

At last advices over, steel works in Lancashire was idle, good men of life service were thrown out of work in engineering establishments and were practically begging their bread; thousands were idle and many hungry, many of those who could do so leaving the country. We here can scarcely realise such conditions and may think them impossible in Hongkong. But are they so impossible in view of recent "strikes" and their possible, if not probable, repetition? Three years ago shops and works were being enlarged all over Britain, and today those shops are silent; many of them have never employed but a few workers, the boom having lapsed before the shops were finished; that depression follows inflation is a law of the business world and conditions at Home are usually reflected here six to twelve months later.

## ELABORATE HOUSE GOWNS

BY MARIAN HALE

House gowns, in the hands of modern designers are taking on something of the elaborateness of afternoon or evening gowns.



This house gown is of orange crepe over silver cloth and trimmed with black fox fur. It is unusual in its shoulder treatment, robbing the right side of quite all of the material and giving the left side an over-draping.

## FORMING CHAUFFEUR'S UNION.

## Indians at Loggerheads.

At the Registry yesterday afternoon Kater Singh, an unemployed chauffeur, was summoned by Partab Singh, a motor car driver employed by Mr G. T. Edkins, for assault. Defendant cross-examined Partab Singh for the same offence.

Mr D. J. Lewis, prosecuting, stated that some little time ago defendant represented to his client that he was organizing a chauffeur's association and requested him to join and pay a subscription. Complainant declined to do so. On the night of the 21st, defendant, who was not sober at the time, went to his client's house in Anton Street and demanded money. When complainant refused he was alleged to have threatened to have his licence cancelled by friends of his who were connected with the control of traffic. Complainant told him to do what he liked wherever defendant, who was standing by the door, seized his coat, dragged him to the landing and pushed him downstairs. A Chinese chauffeur who accompanied Kater Singh struck the complainant as also did the defendant. Complainant sustained a cut above the eye and two bruises on other parts of his body. His trousers were damaged. Partab Singh's wife, a Chinese, saw the defendant laying hands on her husband. Mr Lewis drew his Worship's attention to the fact that in his cross-examination the defendant mentioned Li Chit Street as the place where he was assaulted. Complainant denied this.

Mr Lewis' statement was borne out by his client in the witness-box. Complainant's wife also gave evidence.

Partab Singh was ordered to stand in front of the dock when his Worship heard the evidence in the cross-examination.

Kater Singh admitted going to Partab Singh's house, but said that he went there on the invitation of a Chinese girl. As soon as he discovered the place was occupied by defendant, a man whom he knew perfectly well, he went downstairs. He apologised to Partab for going to his house. Shortly afterwards, defendant went to an eating house in Li Chit Street, in which witness was partaking refreshments and called him out. He complied. Partab grabbed a muffler which he was wearing round his neck and twisted it so hard that in order to avoid being strangled he gave Partab a push. Both of them fell and eventually they were separated.

Another Indian motor car driver corroborated the complainant's story.

At the conclusion of the evidence his Worship said that he did not believe the last witness nor did he give credence to evidence of Mr Lewis' client and the latter's wife. He believed the trouble took place in Anton Street and that Partab Singh was the aggressor. He proposed to dismiss Partab Singh's summons.

Imposing a fine of \$10 on Partab Singh his Worship told him that the evidence given by him and his wife did not agree and that he believed Kater Singh's evidence of what happened,

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Dr. Barnardo's Homes have just received their 93,000th ad.  
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Since the beginning of the financial year 1871 employment offices have been closed. The normal cost of these offices is £18,000 per annum. Notice to close his head issued in the case of a further 21 branch offices.

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A regional town planning scheme for the Thames Valley £18,000 per annum. Notice to close his head issued in the case of a further 21 branch offices.

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WANTED.—ENGLISHMAN, free after 3 p.m. daily, with clerical work. Capable of taking entire charge of office. Remuneration moderate. Apply Box No 685 c/o "Hongkong Telegraph."

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TO LET.—2 new Office Rooms in Central locality from 1st April.—Apply SAN KEE c/o Comptrollers Department, Hongkong & Shanghai Bank, Des Voeux Road entrance.

TO LET.—Office rooms on 1st floor, Bank of China Building, No. 4 Queen's Road Central to be let. Occupation from 1st of May. For particulars apply to Bank of China.

THE HON MR. E. H. SHARP.  
K.C., O.B.E. DECEASED.

Any person having any knowledge of the whereabouts of the Will of the late Mr. E. H. Sharp, K.C., O.B.E., formerly of Hongkong, is requested to communicate immediately with:

DRACON LOOKER DEACON  
& HARSTON,  
1, Des Voeux Road, Central,  
Hongkong.

27th. March, 1922.

CHINA MINING & METAL CO., LTD.

## NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

On and after the 1st April, next the Registered Office of the above named Company will be located at No. 4 A Des Voeux Road, Central, Hongkong (3rd Floor).

CHINA MINING & METAL CO., LTD.  
Hongkong, 27th. March, 1922.

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We hereby give notice of our REMOVAL to new Offices on the 3rd. Floor at No. 4a Des Voeux Road, Central, on the 4th prox mo.

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CLOSING CRUISE  
and REGATTA  
Repulse Bay, Sat. ist. April.

The Commodore and Committee will be "At Home" to members and their friends, from 3 p.m. to p.m.

The Hongkong Hotel fleet of motor coaches, will leave Pedder Street for Repulse Bay from 1.30 p.m. as they receive a full complement of passengers. They are also reserved to return from Repulse Bay after the Dinner Dance.

REPULSE BAY HOTEL  
CLOSING CRUISE AND  
REGATTA AT  
REPULSE BAY.

Saturday, 1st. April, 1922.

On the above occasion, Hotel Patrons and Members of the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club, and their Guests, will be charged 50 cents per Head for afternoon Tea, and \$3 per Head for Dinner. Members of the Yacht Club are kindly requested, when Signing Chits, to add the Letters "R.H.Y.C."

## HONGKONG VOLUNTEER DEFENCE CORPS.

Orders by Lieut-Colonel L. G. Bird, D.S.O.

\*Administrative Commandant, H.K. Friday, 31st. March, 1922.

1. Visit of H.R.H. The Prince of Wales.

Practice Parades. Strong as possible parades of Trained Men of all units of the Corps including the Reserve Company will attend at 5.30 p.m. at the Drill Hall on the following dates to practice for the Guard of Honour and Lining the Streets.

Monday, 3rd and Tuesday, 4th, April.

Dress: Plain Clothes, Rifle, Belt, and Side Arms.

Separate Orders will be issued for the Parade on the 6th. April.

2. Musketry.

Part II of the Annual Musketry Course will be fired on the Stonecutters Range on Sunday and, April, commencing at 10 a.m. by the Casuals of Artillery, Company and Mounted Infantry Section.

On Sunday 9th April by all Casuals who have not yet fired.

A launch will leave Murray Pier at 10.00 a.m.

Dress: Drill Order.

Officer for duty on 2nd April Lieut. G. M. Dodwell.

Officer for duty on 9th April, 2d Lieut. T.P.M. Bevan, M.C.

Officers detailed for Range Duties are to understand that Musketry arrangements must not be cancelled without reference to headquarters.

3. Cadet Company.

Parade at Headquarters on Monday, 3rd April, at 5.30 p.m.

Dress: Drill Order.

4. Artillery.

Members who have not done so must at once return the .303 and .45 ammunition issued during the Strike.

5. Strength.

No. 61. Lance Corporal F. H. Dillon, Engineer Company having reached the age limit is permitted to resign from the Corps, with effect from this date.

No. 15. Pte. A. G. M. Fletcher, Company, is permitted to resign from the Corps, with effect from this date.

R. B. YOUNG, Major, Adjutant, H.V.D. Corps.

IN THE SUPREME COURT HONGKONG PROBATE JURISDICTION ACTION No. 2 of 1920.

BETWEEN Lau Tez Tsau, Lau Tang Shi, Lau She Shi, Lau Yic Shi and Lau Li Shi Plaintiffs and Lau Shiu Chuen Defendant.

By order of the Supreme Court of Hongkong and

Under the direction of the Registrar, Supreme Court, Messrs. Lambert Brothers, have received instructions to sell by Public Auction on Wednesday, the 12th day of April, 1922, at 3 o'clock p.m.

WITHOUT RESERVE.

All the right title and interest of the above-named defendant, Lau Shiu Chuen alias Lau Wei Chun or (Chan) of and in the following properties situate in the Colony of Hongkong.

Nos. 402 & 404 Des Voeux Road, West and Nos. 397A & 397B Queen's Road, West, Victoria,

being Inland Lot No. 1743 No. 27 Bonham Strand, Victoria, being Sub-section 2 of Section B of Marine Lot No. 4

The above first named property is sold subject to all existing mortgages and charges.

Particulars and conditions of sale can be obtained from Messrs. Dentys & Bo-Lly, No. 5, Des Voeux Road Central, Hongkong, Solicitors &c., or from

Messrs. Lammett Brothers, The Auctioneers, Hongkong, 28th. March, 1922.

## NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

LONGLY & COMPANY.  
Coal Merchants, Ship-chandlers, Ships' Compradores and Stevedores.

We have this day removed our business premises to No. 15, Li Yuen Street East, opposite to To-To-Sin-Koon, Des Voeux Road, Central.

BRADLEY & CO. LTD.  
Agents,  
The COWIE HARBOUR COAL CO. LTD.

Telephone No. 4134.

KWOK HIN WANG,  
Manager.

## NOTICE.

Owing to the advancing cost of newspaper production, it has been decided to make an increased charge of 2½ per cent.

on present rates, i.e. from April 1st, 1922, on the following descriptions of casual advertisements, namely:—

Government Notifications, Municipal Notifications, Official Notifications, Legal Notices.

Company Notifications, Association, Club and Society Notices.

This, of course, does not affect the charges made for contract spaces held by commercial firms or for small "Want" advertisements.

## HONGKONG VOLUNTEER DEFENCE CORPS.

Special Orders by Lieut-Colonel

L. G. Bird, D.S.O.

Administrative Commandant.

H.K. Friday, 31st March, 1922.

VISIT OF H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES TO HONGKONG

1. His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales arrives in Hongkong on 6th April. He will land at Blake Pier at 11 a.m. The route from Blake Pier to Government House will be lined by Troops, the distance allotted to the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps is 300 feet from the entrance gates of Government House towards Garden Road and will join on to H.K.S.R.G.A.

2. The Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps will furnish a Guard of Honour facing the entrance to Government House.

Strength. 2 Officers and 50 Other Ranks.

In command, Lieut. A. Murdoch.

Lieut. T. W. Hill, M.C.

The Pipe Band of the Scottish Company will be in position on the left of the Guard of Honour.

3. Lieut. F. C. Hall will be in

charge of the Detachments of the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps lining the Streets (attention is directed to para. 126 Ceremonial which has been circulated).

4. The Corps will parade at the Headquarters at 9.30 a.m. the 6th April and be in position by 9.5 a.m.

DRESS: Helmet, Ribbons 1½ inches in length with Medal (if in possession) Khaki Jacket, Trousers and Putties, Black boots, Rifle with slung Belt and Side Arms.

Members of the Scottish Company, Helmets, Kaki Tunics, Kilts, Sporrans, diced hose top-and-tails.

Members of the Guard of Honour will wear a Web Belt and Long Bayonet.

Officers, Breeches, Putties, Sam Browne Belt and Swords.

5. The Troops will form up shortly after H.R.H. has passed,

and march back to Headquarters where they will be dismissed.

6. The Administrative Com-

mandant will attend the G.O.C.

at Blake Pier at 9.40 a.m. on 6th April to receive H.R.H.

7. 2d. Lieut. T.P.M. Bevan, M.C. will act as Adjutant on the 6th. April.

R. B. YOUNG, Major.

Adjutant, H.V.D. Corps.

NOTICE.

VISIT OF H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES' ILLUMINATIONS.

Lanterns and Candles.

The lanterns and candles ordered by Mr. C. Montague Ede have arrived, and Messrs. Lane, Crawford, Ltd., have kindly undertaken to arrange for the distribution of same.

The premises recently occupied by Messrs. William Powell, Ltd., in Wiseman's Building, will be used as the depot for the issue of these lanterns and candles. Purchasers who have already placed orders are requested to send to this depot for their supplies. Further orders may be sent direct to Messrs. Lane, Crawford, Ltd. The depot will be opened on March, 28th, and remain open until April, 5th.

Hours: 9.30 to 12.30 and 2 to 5

## NOTICE.

Illuminations.

Lanterns and candles can now

be bought from the depot in the premises recently occupied by Messrs. Wm. Powell, Ltd., in Wiseman's Building.

Price: \$2 for one hundred

lanterns and two hundred candles.

NOTICE.

Visit of H.R.H. Prince of Wales.

It having been decided to include an Eightsome Reel in the Programme of the Dance to be held on 7th April, the Committee hope that as many as possible of those who receive Invitations, will attend a short practice which will be held in the Pavilion on Monday the 3rd April, at 5.30 p.m. when the Dancers of the Scottish Company will attend.

No claim will be admitted after the goods have left the Godown,

and all goods remaining undelivered after 6th April will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the under-

mentioned on or before 13th April, or they will not be recognised.

All broken, chafed and damaged

goods are to be left in the

Godowns, where they will be

examined on any Tuesdays or

Fridays between the hours of

10.45 a.m. and Noon, within the

free storage period of one week.

No Fire Insurance has been

effected.

Bills of Lading will be counter-

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THE BANK LINE, LTD.

General Agents.

Hongkong, 29th. March, 1922.

## HONGKONG HOTEL

## TEA DANSANT

TO-DAY (5-7 p.m.)

## DINNER DANSANT

TO-NIGHT & TO-MORROW NIGHT (8-11 p.m.)

## REPULSE BAY HOTEL

TO-MORROW (SATURDAY), April 1st.

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Magnum size	5.50
1 litre Wickered bottle	3.50
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1 litre Wickered bottle	1.80
1 litre Stoppered bottle	3.50
4 oz. Corked bottle	.50

GROSMITH'S	
"Golden Still" 4 oz. size	.50
4 oz. size	.50

PINAUD'S	
1 litre size	3.80
1 litre size	1.80

CLOCHE D'ARGENT	
Small size	.85
Medium size	1.50
Large size	2.75

## A.S. WATSON &amp; CO., LTD.

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## Marriage.

BERG—HENDRY.—At Hongkong, on March 23rd, Sverre Berg, Acting Consul for Norway, to Constance Mary Hendry, of Adelaide, Australia.

## Death.

ELSON.—At Singapore, on the 30th. March, of heart failure, William Thomas Elson (of A. S. Watson &amp; Co. Limited) aged 38 years. By cable.

## The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, MARCH 31, 1922.

## A LEGAL EXPERIMENT.

Owing to the depletion of the Colony's Bar, an opportunity has arisen to test in actual practice a proposal that has occupied considerable attention in legal circles at Home during recent years. The Legislative Council has passed an Ordinance enabling solicitors to practise as barristers until the end of the year. The purpose is not, apparently, to carry out any alteration in the Colony's judicial system, but simply to fill a temporary gap resulting from death and absence. In these circumstances the arrangements as to remuneration and cognate matters are probably not the same as they would be in the case of an amalgamation of the two branches. The subject, however, is of considerable interest in its general bearings, affecting as it does both legal practitioners and legal practitioners' clients. Years ago there was a movement among the community in favour of amalgamation, and a tentative arrangement was adopted; but the Chief Justice of those days, Sir John Smale, deprecated fusion.

For members of the profession the question is whether the two branches shall specialise in their respective departments of preparing and presenting the case (this refers to the litigious part of legal practice), or whether the whole process shall be open to the same practitioner. In the Old Country there is a long tradition of separate practice, the two branches having always been distinct. In newer communities, such as the United States and Canada, we find the two combined, practitioners being styled "counsellors and attorneys." The combined system appears to have worked well enough in the countries in which it exists, and it is noteworthy that in 1919, notwithstanding the rooted character of judicial procedure at Home, the Incorporated Law Society (the body regulating the affairs of solicitors) passed a resolution in favour of amalgamation, the votes of the younger members probably providing the majority.

From the viewpoint of the public, considerations of cost and efficiency are involved. On a *prima facie* view, there should be a material degree of economy when a single adviser conducts the whole proceedings, as this would seem to obviate instructions from one kind of practitioner to the other, consultations between them, and perhaps duplicate sets of documents. The scale now fixed hardly suggests economy, seeing that solicitors acting as advocates are to be allowed fees on their briefs ranging up to \$300, plus the 25 per cent. increase sanctioned by another Ordinance. As a matter of fact, the Ordinance just passed does not promise any economy, because the original solicitor will not necessarily be the solicitor conducting the case in court; he can brief another solicitor (presumably one with more eloquence than himself) just as he would brief a barrister. The present Ordinance is simply a matter of convenience. It prompts a question, however, as to the lines of procedure in the event of definite amalgamation coming up for consideration at any time. Under conditions similar to those prescribed by the Ordinance just passed, it does not appear likely that amalgamation would be of much benefit to the client's pocket. So far as he is concerned, unless the one practitioner is to conduct the case from beginning to end, the change, as a permanent institution, would be practically meaningless. When the former temporary amalgamation obtained in this Colony, it was even said that the result was to increase the cost. In regard to efficiency, it is arguable, on the one hand, that the system of separate branches gives the litigant the advantage of having his suit presented by a type of practitioner who has concentrated upon advocacy, and who also acts as a check upon any errors on the solicitor's part. Against this it is a fair argument that, with amalgamation, the conduct of the case in Court could be in the hands of the man who has had the whole history of the matter before him from the start, with the drawback, however, that a capable solicitor would not necessarily make an effective advocate. The question is rather a moot one.

## NOTES &amp; COMMENTS.

## Canton and Hongkong.

It would doubtless be to the mutual benefit of both places if talkers and writers in Hongkong and Canton were to act on the suggestion of the *Canton Times*: "Let's try throwing bouquets at each other instead of brickbats. Not that there is any need to refrain from sensible, constructive criticism; but the times certainly call for the exercise of a spirit based on a desire to see the good and not the bad, in each other. In short, if we try, as our con-

temporary puts it, to understand the other fellow's standpoint instead of insisting that he accepts ours, we shall go a long way towards renewing the traditional friendship between Canton and Hongkong. The *Canton Times* appeals to the newspapers here to unite in an endeavour to have both foreigners and Chinese work together in a spirit of friendly co-operation. So far as we are concerned, we could wish for no better task than this, because we do realise that the interests of Hongkong and Canton are identical.

And we go so far as to say that no better sphere for true statesmanship can be found than the present opportunity to bring about a most friendly and cordial rapprochement between the two places. With full and complete harmony assured between Hongkong and Canton, future possibilities in the way of trade and general Anglo-Chinese co-operation would be limitless.

The public are cordially invited to attend this service.—*Editor.*

## Work for All.

We are not going to attempt to apportion the blame for the fact that at present considerable racial feeling prevails both here and in Canton. The chief business of us all, whether foreigners or Chinese, should be to do all in our power, by word and deed, to dissipate that unfortunate feeling. The British and the Chinese have for so many years lived in peace and amity, with a due ap-

preciation of each other's standpoints, that it would be a disaster were that concord to be blasted by thoughtless or impulsive words or acts. It is so obviously to our common inter-

ests that the old friendship should be continued that no-one

but a lunatic could perceive the slightest benefit from an opposite policy. Our appeal now is to

Britishers to try and do a bit for this Colony by cementing the bonds between the Chinese and

themselves, and to refrain from idle chatter or the writing of foolish letters to the press. We hope, too, that local Chinese papers will do their part, and, if we might suggest it, that the Canton vernacular papers use their influence in the same good work. Let's get a healthy public opinion. Then all other good things will follow as a matter of course.

## Getting Ready.

This city is suffering under besiege of the bamboo workers. On almost every building a small army of men in blue cotton suits are in possession, each man wearing stout matting cuffs, a girdle in which is studded a horrid looking knife, and generally appearing as though serious business were afoot. And so it is, really. Within a week's time Hongkong will be welcoming the Prince of Wales and he will arrive to find this Colony draped with lanterns and bamboos, camouflaged with flags, etc., so much so that it can be doubted whether he will ever be able to say that he has seen Hongkong. He will have seen a new and temporary exterior; of what day Hongkong he will know almost nothing. But it will all be grand show and we shall be proud of it when it is ready. When the lights go up and the island assumes its fairyland hue of crimson; when the special Pavilion is a blaze of light and we are inside dancing in company with the most popular Prince in the world, we shall forget the little differences of opinion we have had regarding the cost of things and we shall probably be of the one opinion that it was worth every cent and every minute to have had a hand in giving a worthy reception to one of the most charming and successful ambassadors of Empire it has ever been Britain's lot to possess. We are all in this reception; let us resolve that it will be a hearty one.

WIR-LESS CONCERT.  
A wireless concert was transmitted from Writtle, Essex, to London.

## DAY BY DAY.

## THE EASY TO DO ARE NOT WELL TO DO.

A Dance will be held at the U.S.R.C. on Saturday, the 1st April, 1922, starting at 8.15 p.m. punctually. Arrangements as heretofore.—*Editor.*

Yesterday's health return shows one fatal case of small-pox (Chinese) and one non-fatal occurrence each of plague (Chinese) and paratyphoid fever (Malay).

The upper storeys of two houses, Nos. 39 and 41, Wanchai Road, were destroyed in a fire which occurred in the early hours of this morning. Damage to the extent of \$500 was done.

The film showing the four rounds of the famous Carpenter-Cook fight, and Realart's delightful comedy "Her Beloved Villain," featuring Wanda Hawley, comes to the Kowloon Theatre this evening.

At the service for students to be held in the Rhenish Mission Church, Bonham Road, on Sunday April 2nd, at 4 p.m., the preacher will be the Registrar of the University, Mr. N. Teesdale Mackintosh, M.A., who is taking for his subject "My Darling Sin." The public are cordially invited to attend this service.—*Editor.*

One of the most wonderful stories of mother love ever told is magnificently portrayed in the masterpiece picture, "Mother Eternal," beginning to night at the World Theatre. Vivian Martin, who plays the leading role in "Mother Eternal," Ivan Abramson's Broadway film success, has had a most remarkable career in the field of amusement. The role in question is most exciting inasmuch as it played in two periods, there being a lapse of twenty-five years between the first and the second parts of the play.

According to reports from Hongkong the remnant of Kwangsi militarists and politicians are making Hongkong their headquarters, says the *Canton Times*. Many secret offices have been established in that city. Yang Wing-tai, Lu Yam-shan, Mo Ching-chung, Liu Chi-juk and others of the gang are keeping their heads together to work out ways to disturb the peace of Kwangtung and Kwangsi provinces. It is reported that a certain Chinese newspaper office is used as the headquarters of the gang and Yang Wing-tai, ex-governor of Kwangtung and a leader of the former Kwangsi party is residing on Caine Road.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editor of the "Hongkong Telegraph."

## Servants' Wages.

Sir.—Everybody is agreed, I think, that payment to able-bodied persons for work done is unjustifiable. It is probably this point occupying the forefront of Mr. Pollock's usually judicious mind which unwisely caused him to appear identified with the "extremists." If the foregoing postulate were all that there is to it, then there would be no controversy whatever.

The fact remains, however,

that whether intimidated in all

cases or not, the Chinese house-

servants merely assisted their

employers to do their work.

The R. G. A. should receive

the Calcutta and a win

for the soldiers is expected.

In the Junior Division, the

match at Sockunpoo between the

King's and University should be

well-contested. The soldiers

should win and avenge their

defeat of '21.

Another good game should be

that between Curlew and St.

Joseph's on the latter's ground.

The sailors will be out to win and

should succeed. South China

"A" playing at home should prove

too strong for the Club Reserves.

HONGKONG LEAGUE.

1ST.-DIVISION TABLE.

Club. P. W. L. D. Poin's.

"Tamar" .17 10 3 4 24

"Curlew" .17 10 4 3 23

S. China .15 8 1 6 23

H.K. Club .15 7 3 5 19

R.G.A. .17 9 7 1 19

King's .17 7 8 2 16

"Cairo" .15 4 7 4 12

Kowloon .17 6 10 1 11

"Ambrose" .16 3 11 2 8

H.K. Police .12 3 7 2 8

"Titania" .14 3 9 2 8

\*2 points added. 1/2 points deducted.

## FOOTBALL.

## TO-MORROW'S PROGRAMME.

(BY "QUIZ")

The matches for to-morrow are as follows:

LEAGUE: DIVISION I.

Kick-off 4.30 p.m.

Hongkong Club v. King's.

Club ground.

Hongkong Police v. H.M.S.

Curlew. "A" ground.

Kowloon v. H.M.S. Ambrose.

Kowloon F.C.—ground. Happy Valley.

South China v. H.M.S. Titania.

South China ground.

R.G.A. v. H.M.S. Cairo.—So-

ckunpoo ground.

LEAGUE: DIVISION II.

Kick-off 3 p.m.

King's Reserves v. University.

Sockunpoo ground.

Curlew Reserves v. St. Joseph's.

St. Joseph's ground.

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### PRAYA MURDER CASE.

#### No Imputation Against Solicitor.

We have received copies of the following letters from Mr. G. K. Hall Bruton:

25th March, 1922.

The Honourable

The Attorney-General,

Sir,

My attention has been called to the remarks made by you in the course of your address to the Jury on behalf of the Crown in the Praya Murder Case, viz. that the evidence called on behalf of the prisoner was fabricated and amounted to a conspiracy or the part of those witnesses to defeat the ends of justice. This, I have been told, was, in the opinion of certain of those who heard it, a direct imputation against me and against my office as the solicitor having the conduct of the defence. I may say that I did not take it as such, but I should like to be informed by you that my view is correct.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sd.) GEO. K. HALL BRUTON.

27th. March, 1922.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 25th March.

I had no intention whatever of making any imputation against you or your office, and I would have said so in Court if you had asked me to do so.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sd.) J. H. KEMP,

Attorney-General.

G. K. Hall Bruton, Esq.

#### CRICKET.

The K. C. C. 2nd XI, to meet Civil Service 2nd XI, at Kowloon to-morrow, will be:—A. O. Brown, R. E. Lindsell, H. Over, F. Evelyn, E. F. Spinks, F. E. Lawrence, S. T. Jones, E. J. Edwards, N. L. H. Railton, F. G. Herridge and W. Hyde.

The following will represent the I.R.C. 2nd XI in their League match against the R.A.M.C. on home ground on Saturday at 2.15 p.m.:—E. Ali Moosdeen (Captain), E. Moosdeen, R. Nazarin, O. A. Rumjahn, S. A. Medar, N. B. Kitchell, A. K. Minu, Y. A. Wabab and S. Abbas.

JAPAN AND SHANTUNG. The Japanese Legation at Peking announces that the sale of land by the Japanese authorities in Shantung has been discontinued. The Legation also states that the withdrawal of their troops from the railway areas will begin as soon as the Chinese guards are ready to take over the duties of protecting the line. Arrangements have been made for all the Japanese troops to be withdrawn by May 20.

CHINA AND BRITISH PLAN RE-AIR SERVICE.

According to information from diplomatic circles, the Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs has rejected the request of the British Minister to make the Chinese Air Service a joint Sino-British enterprise, on the ground that it would affect the sovereign rights of China. The request was contained in a Note sent to the Ministry by the British Minister, a few days ago, the latter's reason for the proposal being that British money has been used extensively in the development of the Chinese air service.—*Ching Pao*.

#### COMPANY MEETING.

Hongkong Fire Insurance Company.

#### A RECORD YEAR.

The fifty-third ordinary meeting of the Hongkong Fire Insurance Company Limited was held at the offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co., at noon to-day. Mr. D. G. M. Bernard presided and there were also present Sir Paul Chater, C.M.G., Sir Robert Ho Tung, Mr. H. F. White, Mr. T. E. Pearce, Mr. H. W. Sassoon; Mr. A. M. Bowes-Smith, and Mr. E. J. Chapman, (Consulting Committee) Mr. F. C. Hall (Secretary), and Messrs. Ho Fook, Ho Leung, A. Fenison, J. M. de C. Basto, Lo Cheung-shui, and A. D. Barreto (shareholders).

The Secretary having read the notice convening the meeting, The Chairman said:—Before dealing with the business of this meeting, I wish to record the deep regret of your General Managers and Consulting Committee at the untimely death of Mr. Francis Maitland, and to convey to his relatives and friends our deepest sympathy with them in their bereavement. Mr. Maitland first took his seat on the Consulting Committee in 1897, and during the twenty-five years that have since elapsed, he has done much towards assisting the Company to arrive at its present condition of prosperity.

The report and accounts having now been in your hands for some days, I propose, with your permission, to follow the usual custom of taking them as read. I am pleased to be able to inform you that the result of our operations for the year 1920, now under review, constitutes a record. The account has run off with a credit balance of \$534,307.02 which is \$89,172.74 better than that for the year 1919, the previous best, and this I think you will agree is highly satisfactory. Premium income and interest show the very substantial increase of \$160,000 and \$46,000 respectively. These are due, partly to increased trading and partly to the lower rate of sterling exchange ruling on the 31st December, 1921. The ratios for losses and expenses work out at 39.11 per cent and 30.44 per cent, respectively, as against 52.47 per cent and 30.92 per cent for the year 1919. I would draw your attention to the fact that though our income has very materially increased, the ratio of charges has fallen by 48 per cent. The balance standing at credit of the Working Account for 1921 is \$501,039.11. Although this is approximately \$36,000 less than the carry forward for 1920, I think you will agree that, in view of the present depressed conditions of trade generally, it is quite satisfactory. It is early yet to prophesy, but there is no reason why this Account should not show a good profit on the termination of this year. The surplus to be dealt with at this meeting is \$534,307.02 and we recommend the payment of a dividend of \$30 per share absorbing \$240,000, and the appropriation of the balance of \$294,307.02 to the Reinsurance Fund. Owing to the appreciation of gold securities and the fall in exchange, the Investment and Exchange Fluctuation Account stands at the very substantial figure of \$261,858.23. You will, I trust, approve of the usual bonus of 15 per cent, on their salaries being granted to the staff. I do not think that there is anything further in the accounts which requires special mention, but after the resolution which I am about to propose has been seconded, I shall be glad to answer to the best of my ability, any question which shareholders may wish to put. I now propose the following resolution:—That the report and accounts as presented, including the payment of a dividend of \$30 per share, and addition to the Reinsurance Fund of £38,014.13.2, at exchange 2/7—\$294,307.02, and the payment to the staff of 15 per cent upon their salaries, be adopted and passed.

The adoption of the report and accounts was seconded by Mr. A. Fenison and agreed to.

On the proposition of Mr. Ho Fook, seconded by Mr. Basto, Sir Paul Chater, Sir Robert Ho Tung, Mr. A. Bowes-Smith, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Pearce, Mr. Sassoon and Mr. White, together with the Chairman of the Company, were re-appointed the Consulting Committee.

Mr. A. R. Lowe and Mr. H. Percy Smith were re-elected auditors at a remuneration of \$500 each, on the proposition of Mr. Lo Cheung-shui, seconded by Mr. Ho Leung.

This was all the business, the Chairman announcing that dividends warrants were now ready.

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#### ANGLO-CHINESE RELATIONS.

#### A Plea for Better Feeling.

We had an interesting chat today with Mr. William Yinson Lee, a well-known Australian Chinese merchant, who is the leading representative of the Chinese community in New South Wales. He dealt in particular with relations between Hongkong and Canton.

Mr. Yinson Lee, who is a relative by marriage of the junior unofficial member of the Legislative Council Hon. Mr. Chow Shou-sun, opened the conversation by a reference to the feeling which he says exists between the Chinese and the British at the present time. "I feel that the British and Chinese should deprecate anything that will tend to further antagonise each other. I returned from Canton on Wednesday night and my experience there, combined with that acquired in this Colony, has given me the impression that the Chinese are not altogether to blame for any ill-feeling that has existed and is existing between the two nationalities. I find that the majority of Britishers are broadminded and satisfied to live in amity with the Chinese people.

There is, however, a certain section who, through their own initiative, have acted in a manner which the Chinese very much resent.

The Chinese should be treated in exactly the same manner as Europeans expect to be treated by the Chinese. I don't think in speaking thus that I have said anything that should hurt the susceptibilities of either the British or Chinese.

What you and I would like to see is fair play. I read last night in the *Telegraph* an appeal from the *Canton Times* for the display of goodwill on both sides.

I fully agree with the remarks made which, briefly, were that the two nationalities in Hongkong and Canton should work together in a spirit of friendly co-operation.

This co-operation, I suggest,

could best be brought about by an understanding of the other fellow's viewpoint, instead of forcing your own viewpoint on him."

Dealing with the subject of his own activities in Australia towards the cause of racial equality, Mr. Yinson Lee said that the last few years had brought about a welcome change in Australia in the demeanour shown to Chinese residing in the country. This had been accomplished by bringing into

#### CHINESE NEWS.

#### Canal Silk Market Active.

Our Canton correspondent states that information from Wuchow states that the forces taking part in the expedition against the North are much perturbed in consequence of the capture of Yunnan by Tang Chi-yao's troops.

American and French merchants in Canton are buying silk in large quantities, the result being a marked rise in the market. The reel factories in Namhoi and Shuntak districts are very busy, and the price of Nos. 9 to 11 is now more than \$1,730 per picul and that of No. 13 is quoted at \$1,600.

A large quantity of opium has been found hidden in the chief cruiser of the Water Police, and the Governor has ordered a strict investigation.

A Peking telegram says it is reported that the President, on hearing that a general meeting of militarists is to be convened to deal with the union question, intends to call together all prominent persons in Peking and if common agreement cannot be found he will resign.

mutual notice the good points and aspirations of each other in frequent public lectures. This has created a mutual feeling of sympathy and appreciation, and brought into closer relation the interests of both peoples. The bonds which link together the two peoples in Australia, Mr. Lee concluded, are much closer than those which exist between the populations of Hongkong and Canton.

It is of interest to note that as chief representative of the Chinese people in New South Wales, Mr. Yinson Lee was honoured with the following communication in connection with last year's visit of the Prince of Wales to Australia:—

"Sir,—I am instructed by His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, to convey to you his sincere thanks for the cordial address of welcome presented by you yesterday in behalf of the Chinese Community in New South Wales. His Royal Highness joins with you in the hope that friendly relations may always continue between the British Empire and your native land.—Your obedient servant, G. W. M. Gribble, Lt. Col. Secretary to the Prince of Wales."

Recently Mr. Yinson Lee was the guest of the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce of the Colony.

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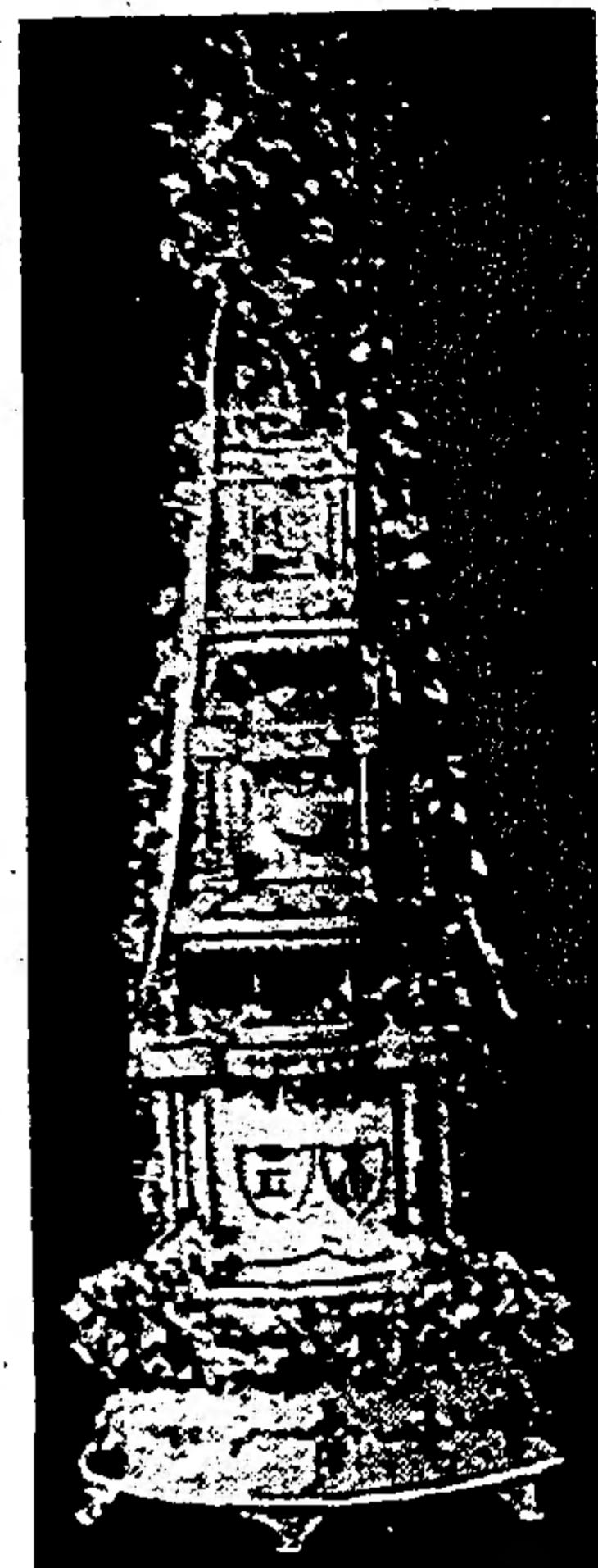
# CAMERA NEWS



Here is shown the cortège of Marquis Okuma arriving at Hibiya Park where the national funeral ceremonies were held.



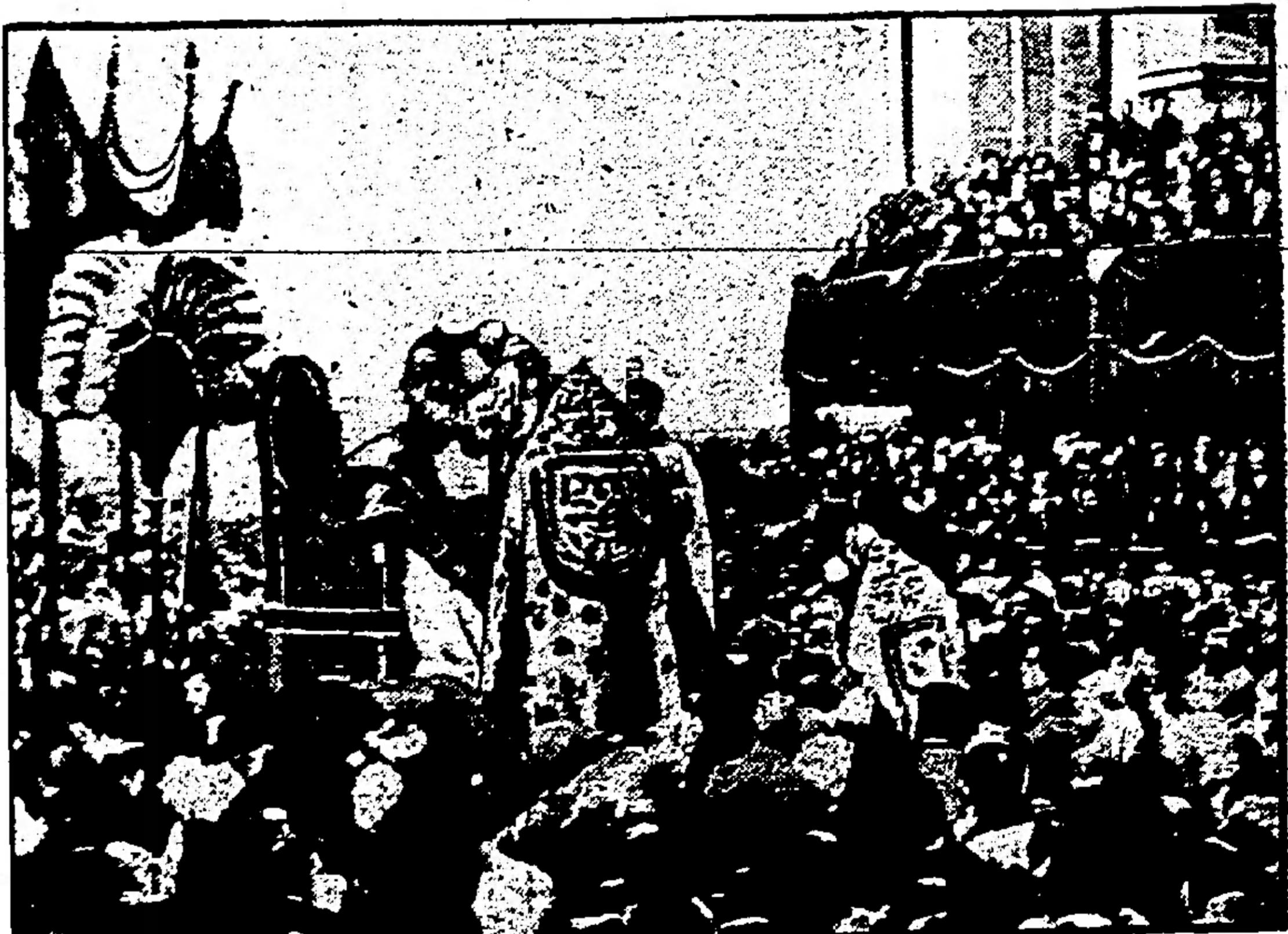
The new Pope appearing on balcony of St. Peter's in his papal robes for the first time.



Princess Mary's wedding cake—5½ feet high.



Pope Pius XI, immediately after his election, went to the balcony of the Vatican and from the loggia blessed the multitude who came to greet the new head of the Roman Catholic Church. This photograph shows him surrounded by some of the cardinals who elected him.



Pope Pius XI at the moment of being crowned head of the Roman Catholic Church with high dignitaries of the church looking on.

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TO-DAY'S SHARE QUOTATIONS.

	Stock Exchange.	Sharebrokers' Association.
	Banks.	28th March.
H.K. & S. Bank	b. sa. 825	a. 825
H. £35 paid		
Bt. of E. Asia	n. 99½	b. 103
Cantons	b. 442	n. 440
North Chinas	n. \$144	b. 144
Unions	n. 245	b. 245
Yangtzeas	n. 23	b. 23½
Far Eastens		
China Fires	b. 125½	b. 125
H.K. Fires	b. 375	b. 375
Douglas	b. 41	b. 41
H.K. Steamboats	b. 254	n. 254
Kodas (Pref.)	b. 38	n. 36
Indo Del. Lon./Reg.	n. 273	
Indo Del. H.K. Reg.	b. 270	n. 273
Shells	b. 926	a. 951
Ferries	b. 33½	b. 34½
Sugars	b. 130	n. 130
Malabons	s. 45	n. 40
Kaitans	n. 67½	n. 70½
Lanckas		
Shanghai Loans	b. 10	b. 10
Shai Explorations	b. 1	b. 120
Raube	b. 24½	
Tronche	n. 12½	
Ural Capiane	b. 12½	
Benguet Con.	b. 195	
Docks, Wharves, Godowns, &c.		
H.K. Wharves	s. 102½	s. 102½
K. Dock-b.	n. 153	s. 151 sa. 150, 151
Shai Docks	s. 107½	b. 107½ s. 108
N. Engineering	b. 88	n. 74
Lands, Hotels & Buildings.		
Centrals	b. 147	b. 147
H.K. Hotels Old b. 15½ New b. 7½ Old b. 15½ New b. 7½		
H.K. Lands	b. 27	a. 29
H'phreys Etc.	b. 1045	b. 1080
K'loon Lands	b. 43	b. 43
L. Reclamation	b. 200	b. 200
West Points		
Cotton Mills.		
Ewos	b. cum rts. 817	s. 1714 b. 1710
Oriental	b. 6104	n. 104
Shai Cottons	b. 145 sa. 146	b. 144
Miscellaneous.		
Gements	b. 20½ sa. 20½	s. 20½
China Light old	b. 12½	b. 12½
China Light new	b. 12½	b. 12½
China Providents	n. 13½	b. 13
Dairy Farms	b. cum rts. 23½	n. 23½
Electrics H.K.b.	b. cum rts. 23½	b. 23½
Electrics Macao	n. 30	b. 23½
H'kong & Canton Ict		
Hongkong Ropes	n. 30½	n. 30
H.K. Tramways	s. 13½	b. 13½
Peak Trams old	b. 9½	b. 9½
Do. new	b. 1	b. 13½
Steam Laundries	n. 11½	n. 11½
Steel Foundries	n. 16	b. 16
Watson's	b. 540	b. 540
W.M. Powells	b. 25½	b. 25½
Wisemans	n. 32	b. 30

Hongkong, March 31, 1922.

THE RED CROSS.

Admiral Tsai's Speech.

Peking, March 4.—Seven representatives of the delegations to the Washington Conference, including Admiral Tsai Ting-kan, advisor to the Chinese delegation, addressed a meeting of the Red Cross in Washington presided over by Chief Justice Talt, according to information received by the Peking Chapter of the Red Cross. The foreign speakers united in praising the work of the Red Cross and pointing out the remarkable service it had rendered during the war as an international instrument for relief of the wounded and sick.

Admiral Tsai Ting-kan won on the applause of the crowded house when in the course of his speech he said: "If the present conference (on arms limitation) can take a lesson from the Red Cross, if the present conference can give up its ambition, renounce its selfishness, lay aside animosity and hatred—if there should be any one determined to make the earth happy abode for mankind, then let the Red Cross Societies of the world pray for its blessing and wish it every success."

CHINESE RED CROSS.

Admiral Tsai told of the famine relief operations in China in which the American Red Cross participated and spoke of the balance of \$1,300,000 which exists from the amount contributed by the people of various nations for relief in China and which will now be used as a permanent famine relief fund. He also expressed the desire of the Chinese Red Cross to profit by contact with the societies of other countries.

"It is the earnest wish of the Chinese Red Cross," said Admiral Tsai, "that foreigners and Chinese should help us to gain our object because the improvement of public health in China will contribute towards the general

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Telemachus	B & S	Kowloon	Mar. 29	Apr. 12	Tues. & Fri.		31st Mar.	
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Patagonia	P. & O.	China	..	..
Minchow	T. K. K.	China	..	..
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In a written answer to Mr. Grattan Doyle, Sir Philip Lloyd-Greaves stated that appointments to the salaried Consular Service are confined to persons of British birth and descent, and are made by competitive examination of candidates who have previously satisfied Board of Selection as to their general suitability for the Consular Service. During 1921, 11 persons of foreign birth were appointed to the unsalaried Consular Service. Appointments to the unsalaried Consular Service are authorized by the Secretary of State on the recommendation of the Superintending Consular officer in whose district the vacancy occurs. No foreigner is ever appointed if a suitable British subject is available.

## SPECULATIVE IMPORTS.

The Mainichi reports that speculative imports by Japanese merchants appear to be coming to an entire stop. At the time of the advent last year of what may be described as a temporary boom, there was an active purchase of overseas commodities, which, accordingly, came into Japan in substantial quantity. Foreign trade to-day is still maintaining a considerable excess of imports. But the decline in domestic prices and the depression in commercial business of late have rapidly demolished the temporary demand for various commodities, while the normal demand for merchandise has also generally declined. Furthermore, bankers, fearing the financial prospects, are placing restraints upon the issue of letters of credit. Regarding tin-plate, foreign-style paper of various descriptions, and some varieties of woolen yarn, importation has been handicapped through an adverse margin having been created between the Japanese and foreign goods. Especially has the recent fall in Anglo-Japanese exchange made affairs worse for the import of overseas goods. With regard to lead, zinc, etc., import is abstained from, despite the fact that the stocks on the market are falling off with a conspicuous shortage of spot goods in addition to the quotations in producing centres like Burma having also fallen off. Only American copper was purchased to a certain extent, however, the market price being expected to advance with the reform of the Customs duty, but the import even of this staple is already on the decline, partly through bankers' reluctance

to circulate letters of credit, and partly through the decline in New York quotations. In the case of iron wire, iron plate, moulded iron, etc., purchases have almost stopped since the current year, except in the case of thin plate and nails in scanty quantity. There were active imports of sulphate of ammonia, nitrates, etc., last year, but recently only small purchases have been carried out in fulfilment of the orders placed by actual consumers.

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